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The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Our opening prayer this morning will be delivered by the Reverend Mark Dever, pastor of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church.

PRAYER

The guest chaplain, the Reverend Mark E. Dever, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Lord God, before the debates and disputes, the committees and compromises which may fill our day, we would stop and confess publicly that You are a good God. You have provided all we need, and so much more. We praise You for the freedom from want which marks off this land from so many others.

Thank You for the wise and just leaders who work in this place, and for the people who honor law and pray for our elected officials.

Thank You for all the good motives which move the hearts of those present to undertake these duties of governance. We ask that where their hearts are stubborn to You, You would subdue them, where they are mistaken, You would teach them, where they are discouraged, You would comfort and strengthen them.

Help them in their service to this Nation, to discern their service to You.

Lord God, bless America, we pray. Forgive us for our callousness to Your blessings. Forgive this Nation particularly we pray for the ways in which we abuse our leaders. Give this Nation a sense of the hope for justice and prosperity that America still is to many around the globe today. We ask that You would give us a renewed sense of Your bounty in this land, an appreciation of the wealth You have given us in

the abundance of natural resources, in the hard work of so many people, in the stability of our society.

Give us a nation marked by gratitude for Your blessings, and stewardship of them in kindness and compassion and self-control. We pray that this Chamber would reflect Your character in this.

And along with a renewed sense of Your bounty, we pray for a renewed sense of our accountability. Remind all who work here, in massive buildings which seem so permanent, remind them of the brevity of life, and the certainty of judgment.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, let me just indicate for our colleagues that there will be a period for the transaction of morning business throughout the day, with Senators permitted to speak for not to exceed 15 minutes each. And I remind Senators and members of their staff that under the unanimous-consent agreement entered last night, there will be no rollcall votes today and no rollcall votes on Monday, prior to 4 p.m.

Today Senators may discuss their amendments to S. 1 and have them printed in the RECORD in order to qualify them under the 3 p.m. Tuesday deadline. I do not know how many Senators wish to speak today, but we will be in for whatever period of time it may take.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, will the distinguished majority leader yield?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished acting minority leader.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I think it might be appropriate, I say to my friend, that we review a little bit your understanding with our leader as to the offering of amendments so that we will not get into—it is a gentlemen's agreement, and we want to uphold our part of it. But I want to be sure everybody understands that, if you do not mind.

Mr. DOLE. Right. As I indicated, we entered into the agreement last night and we have listed in the RECORD all the amendments on both sides of the aisle. I think they total around 67 amendments. To offer the amendment, you simply have to send it to the desk. If there is an amendment pending, you have to, of course, set that amendment aside.

We also agreed that if for some unusual circumstance someone was prevented on either side of the aisle from offering their amendment before the 3 o'clock deadline, the two leaders could agree that one of our colleagues, or more, could then offer the amendment, or amendments, in any event.

The importance of the agreement is to get a finite list of the amendments. There are no time agreements on any of the amendments. I hope not all the amendments are offered. But even if all the amendments are offered—that means sent to the desk—they may not be called up. It is my hope we can complete action sometime maybe on Wednesday of next week. I suggest to my colleagues who have any other questions that in the Calendar of Business on pages 2 and 3, we have outlined the agreement.

I think the highlights are that we will start considering S. 1 again on Monday at 10 a.m., with no votes until 4 o'clock, if any votes are ordered. There will be no business today, except you can send your amendments to the desk.

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